

GENERAL NEWS

Christmas spirit guides court

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Members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court met in special session Nov. 27 in the Nicholas County courthouse to discuss several pending issues of interest. Court members have voted unanimously in support of assisting community organizations with the first annual Victorian Christmas

for the guidance of the magistrates on the issue. Although no formal motion was made to the effect, magistrates also agreed unanimously in support of Tincher sending a letter of inquiry to the local commander of the American Legion seeking their intent as a host for the 2008 Blackberry Festival. "No one wants to take this away from them," Hamilton said at one point. "All agreed and expressed praise for the past commu-

ity leadership members of the American Legion had shown in hosting and organizing the past Blackberry Festivals. "The only thing the court has done has been to ban any carnival rides from the courthouse yard," Tincher said. "We are going to make improvements to the West End Park but we in no way shape or form want to dictate where the festival is held."

All members expressed confidence that next year's festival had the potential to be the largest in recent memory and all expressed a desire to see members of the American Legion be part of the festival. "We hope to hear something official from the Legion by Jan 7, 2008," Tincher said when asked when he hoped to hear a reply so contingency plans could be coordinated if necessary.

Ritualized dog slaying puzzles police

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Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett and Deputy Bennie Buckler continue to investigate the ghastly discovery of a mutilated dog that was placed on top of a mailbox in rural Nicholas County during early November.

"After I examined the dog and looked at the scene I did think that perhaps this was some type of satanic ritual," Sheriff Garrett said of what he discovered on a side road off of US 68. "I've never seen anything like this."

An adult, male Lab mix dog, in otherwise perfect condition, had its chest and stomach area precisely sliced open before the dog's body was meticulously balanced on top of the mailbox, which Garrett described as "made of concrete blocks and about chest high."

More disturbing still is the indication that all of the animal's blood was drained from the body before the wound was made.

"It was a surgical cut," Garrett said of the incision to the dog's midsection. "There was absolutely no blood anywhere near the scene or on the mailbox or any area nearby, and I saw no signs of their being any dried blood anywhere on the carcass or near the wound. I saw no other trauma or wound to the dog's body. I was looking for bullet holes or maybe another cut somewhere, but I found nothing. There was no other physical evidence at or near the scene."

According to Garrett, the dog was placed astride the mailbox very near midnight as family members who arrived home earlier that evening saw nothing amiss with the mailbox, while a family member who arrived later made the discovery.

Garrett said the family members have experienced no trouble with anyone and are respectable law-abiding people with no history of any trouble.

"I believe this was simply a randomly selected location," Garrett said of where the dog's body was found. "I believe from the way it was precisely placed astride the mailbox that more than one person was involved with this."

Garrett said he has never seen anything like this type of incident before.

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While speculating on possible scenarios that would lead to such an act, Garrett was asked if there was a possible "message" being sent to the community.

"If there is a message, it sure is a sick one," he said with a look of disgust on his face as he shook his head.

Officers with the Nicholas County Sheriff's Office continue to investigate the gruesome incident and anyone with any information about animal mutilation is urged to contact the Nicholas County Sheriff's Office at 289-3740.

Throughout the meeting, magistrates and Tincher individually dug through their wallets to make personal donations.

"We'll coordinate donations out of this office," Tincher told magistrates who said they make additional contributions in the near future.

Magistrates Daryl Stacy, Jeff Randolph, and Steve Hamilton, expressed a strong desire to see the county workers receive a raise in the near future and some discussion was focused on that goal.

On the motion of Magistrate Mike Webb, seconded by Randolph, the court voted unanimously to hire Bill Joe Stamper to a full time position with the County Board Department from part-time.

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